

Where to Go?

Rainy Lake

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

- **Voyageur Outpost – Children’s Corner**
- **Junior Ranger Program**
- **Boat Tours & Naturalist Programs**
- **Exhibits**
- **Life-size Bull Moose**
- **Gift Shop & Bookstore**
- **Theater Room for Park Slide Show & Films**
- **Indoor Fireplace**
- **Picnic Area with Tables & Fire Grates**
- **Hiking, Skiing & Snowshoeing Trails**
- **Docking & Boat Ramp**
- **Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping and Boats on Interior Lakes**
- **7-mile Ice Road**
- **Ski rentals & Free Snowshoe Loan**
- **Open Year-round**

Little American Gold Mine Island

Discover the past on Little American Gold Mine Island while you explore the remains of mining activities. Today, a 210-foot shaft along with machinery and adits (entrances leading into mines) remain from the Rainy Lake Gold Rush. You may experience the island as part of a ranger-led walk (fully accessible) during a tour boat program or on your own with self-guided way-side exhibits and brochures. Bring along a sack lunch and stop at one of the benches for a leisurely and historical afternoon.



Bushyhead Island Mine

Oberholtzer Trail

Travel to two overlooks to view the vast diversity of flora the park has to offer. Wheelchair accessible the first 1/2 mile. The trailhead is located just outside the Rainy Lake Visitor Center. Trail maps and self-guided brochures are available at the trailhead and visitor center.

Anderson Bay

This trailhead is only accessible by watercraft. It will take you high up on the rocky cliffs to view spectacular scenery of Rainy Lake.

Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail and Black Bay Ski Trail

The Black Bay Trails are accessible only by watercraft in the summer and the ice road in the winter. The Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail (1 mile round trip) takes you through high pine country to a stunning beaver pond overlook. The Black Bay Ski Trail offers 1.5 miles of beginner trails and 4.6 miles of intermediate trails.

Crane Lake

Crane Lake Ranger Station

- **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and St. Louis County Boat Ramp & Docking**
- **United States Forest Service Hiking Trails**
- **Information, Maps, and Permits for Overnight Camping**



Vermilion Falls

A 10-minute hike on a well-maintained interpretive trail puts the visitor at Vermilion Falls, a cascading torrent of water forced through a 10-foot wide opening in the granite. Two miles before Crane Lake turn left on USFS Road 491; travel four miles to the trailhead.

Vermilion Gorge Trail

At a leisurely pace, this 3-mile trail can be easily hiked in 3 hours. The trail passes over rugged landscape of sheer granite cliffs and rock outcrops while paralleling the Vermilion Gorge. Interpretive signs along the trail describe the history of this area. The trailhead is located .1 mile north of the ranger station on the west side of the road.



Vermilion River rapids

Kabetogama Peninsula

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Boats on Interior Lakes Program

Experience the solitude of a remote lake on the Kabetogama Peninsula. For a fee of \$10 per boat per day, Voyageurs provides canoes and/or row-boats on the following interior lakes: Locator, Cranberry Creek (to get to Locator), Quill, Ek, Cruiser, Brown, Peary, Little Shoepack and Shoepack. Reservations can be made one week in advance by phone or in person. The trails leading to these interior lake boats are accessible only by water; visitors must arrange their own transportation to the trailhead. Call the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center (218) 875-2111 or Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258 for more details.

Cruiser Lake Trail system

Visitors can enter the Cruiser Lake Trail System from either Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake. The trail will take you up rocky cliffs and down to wetland areas. The trail winds its way to several interior lakes where you can use a canoe and enjoy the tranquility of paddling through pristine waters. A visitor is more likely to see the park’s larger wildlife, such as moose while in this nonmotorized backcountry area.

Historic Kettle Falls Hotel

The Kettle Falls Hotel was built around 1910 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. At one time it was a transient community of over 200 people including lumberjacks, fish buyers, prospectors, bootleggers, and tourists. Today, you can take a naturalist-led hike of the historic area as part of a tour boat program, dine at the concessionaire-operated historic hotel, stay overnight in the hotel or villas, view the Kettle Falls Dam and look south into Canada from atop the dam lookout.



Chain-of-Lakes Snowmobile Trail

During the winter season get on your snowmobile and head out to the peninsula for a ride in the park’s pristine backcountry. Follow the 11-mile Chain-of-Lakes Trail (nongroomed) from Rainy to Kabetogama Lake. For more snowmobile trail information, contact the Rainy Lake Visitor Center (218) 286-5258.